

Collection: WILLIAMS-WOMBLE PAPERS
Wake County, N. C.

P.C. 1504.1

1843, 1855, 1860-1870, n.d.

Physical Description: 28 items, including correspondence, written school exercise, account, judgment, Confederate soldier's parole (xerocopy), and soldier's diary.

Acquisition: Gift of Miss Faydene Barbee, O'Kelly's Chapel Road, Durham, N. C., presented to the department by Mrs. Wilma W. Horton, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Raleigh, August 2, 1972; accessioned August 11, 1972.

Description: Of the 23 pieces of correspondence in this collection, the principle writer is George A. Williams; other correspondents include Williams' father-in-law Jacob Womble, Richard Womble, and other members of the two families. Although most of the letters are concerned with family matters such as sickness, crops, and general conversation, some of the ones from Williams and Richard Womble give descriptive information about their regiment (Co. G, 7th Regiment, North Carolina State Troops, Army of Northern Virginia). Civil War era letters are dated from December 1860 until October 1864; the best descriptive letters are dated toward the end of the war. One (October 23, 1863), gives an account of troop movements for the previous 14 days, including the battle at Bristow Station; another (November 10, 1863) also describes troop movements; and a third (April 5, 1864) criticizes the speeches of Governor Vance who "wants to fight until hell freezes over and then fight on the ice [sic]"--the writer felt that Vance would have little effect except to lose votes.

Other items in the collection are a soldier's diary which follows the 7th Regiment's movements from May 4, 1862, when it left Kinston for Virginia, until June 29, 1863; a xerox copy of Richard Womble's permission to return to his home from Appomattox Court House; and miscellaneous items.

Finding Aids:

Main Entry Card

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Finding Aids (Cont'd):

Date Cards

1843

1855

1860-1869

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Geographic Cards

Brandy Station, Va.

Carteret County

Gordonsville, Va.

Merry Oaks (Chatham County)

Orange Court House, Va.

Richmond, Va.

Winchester, Va.

Subject Cards

VANCE, ZEBULON B.

WAR--Civil

Finding Aid completed on March 21, 1973, by Suzanne Smith.

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(Addendum)

The previously unidentified soldier's diary belonged to Bry Howard, great-great-uncle of Miss Faydene Barbee, donor. Howard was killed in battle while serving with the 7th Regiment, (Company A?).

This information was supplied by Miss Barbee.